

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:435
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Strengthening of Milk Cooperatives
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- (a) the details of the role played by cooperatives in the agriculture sector;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the role of cooperatives in agriculture sector;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the performance of cooperatives in milk production, poultry farming and fisheries in different States of the country?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(a): The role of Cooperative sector is important in agricultural sector as it supplies agricultural credit and inputs and has the potential to deliver goods and services in vital areas where state and private sector has not been able to do very much. The village Cooperative societies provide strategic inputs for the agricultural sector. Cooperative marketing societies help the farmer to get remunerative prices and Cooperative processing units help in value additions to the raw products etc.

(b) & (c): Central Government through NCDC has been promoting, developing and financing post-harvest activities through Cooperatives in agricultural sector. These comprise, inter-alia, marketing storage and processing of agricultural produce besides supply of agricultural inputs. Subsidy to the tune of 15% to 25% is provided to Cooperatives depending on the category of state in addition to term loan.

(d): The details of the units sanctioned and assistance by NCDC for Milk Production, Poultry Farming and Fishery Cooperatives as on 31.03.2016 are as under:-

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Activity`	No. of Units Sanctioned	Assistance release (Rs. in Crore)
1. Construction of new units	10	100
2. Expansion of existing units	5	50
3. Modernization of existing units	3	30
4. Relocation of existing units	2	20
5. Other activities	1	10
Total	21	210

Milk Production 4685 579.645

Poultry Farming 373 86.357

Fishery Cooperatives 10568 1310.785

However, the details regarding performance of Cooperatives in milk production, poultry farming and Fisheries registered under the State Cooperative Act are not maintained by the Union Government.
